

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to commend Barbara “Babs” Walker for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Barbara “Babs” Walker is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary twenty-seven-year tenure as a lawyer specializing in family issues and domestic relations law, Ms. Walker has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Columbia community; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Walker's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of J. Frank and Jean Walker, Barbara Walker was born in Columbia and graduated from Columbia Central High School in 1965; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1971; she taught junior high and high school English in Knox County and at Spring Hill High School for four years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is a graduate of the Nashville School of Law, and currently works in private practice; in addition, she has enjoyed serving as a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Mediator in the field of general civil/family mediation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Tennessee Bar Association; she is also past president of the Maury County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Walker also lends her time and talents to such worthy causes as Hope House, which she has served as director for a number of years and president of the Board of Directors; she is also a graduate of Leadership Maury and an active member of First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker's many accomplishments aside, she is the loving mother of two children, Stephen and Elizabeth, and the proud grandmother of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Barbara "Babs" Walker for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.